

BY RUTH MONTGOMERY
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON, FEB. 17 (INS) - PRESIDENT EISENHOWER - IT HAS BEEN LEARNED
ON TOP AUTHORITY - IS PREPARING AN ALL-OUT FIGHT TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF A
BIPARTISAN SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ON HIS
HUSH-HUSH CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

17A
IKE - WHO ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO APPOINTED A HIGH LEVEL CITIZEN
COMMISSION TO CHECK ON CIA - IS REPORTEDLY HIGHLY INCENSED AT THE
COUNTERMOVE TO GIVE CONGRESS A VOICE IN THE SECRET AGENCY'S
ACTIVITIES.

THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY HAVE A STIFF FIGHT ON HIS HANDS. THE
RESOLUTION - INTRODUCED BY DEMOCRATIC SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD - MON. - BOASTS
35 SENATE SPONSORS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL AISLE. IT HAS
ALREADY BEEN FAVORABLY REPORTED BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE AND NOW
AWAITS ACTION IN THE UPPER CHAMBER.

AMONG THE 14 REPUBLICAN SPONSORS ARE SENATORS OF SUCH WIDE
DIVERGENT VIEWS AS KARL E. MUNDT - S. D. - GEORGE MALONE - NEV. - AND HERMAN
WELKER - IDA. - GENERALLY CONSIDERED RIGHT-WING; AND CLIFFORD CASE -
N. J. - WILLIAM LANGER - N. D. - AND MARGARET CHASE SMITH - ME. - OF THE
SO-CALLED LIBERAL WING OF THE GOP.

..MORE PH227AES RS

TXA3 ADD ONE CIA-EXCLUSIVE (MONTGOMERY) WASHN XXX GOP.

THE DEMOCRATIC SPONSORS ARE EQUALLY DISSIMILAR IN THEIR VOTING
RECORDS. CHAIRMAN WALTER GEORGE - GA. - OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE - ORDINARILY AN EISENHOWER BACKER ON BIPARTISANSHIP - HAS
SIGNED THE RESOLUTION ALONG WITH LIBERAL SENATORS HUBERT HUMPHREY -
MINN. - ESTES KEFAUVER - TENN. - WAYNE MORSE - ORE. - RICHARD L. NIXON -
ORE. - AND HERBERT LEHMAN - N. Y. CONSERVATIVE SENATOR PRICE DANIEL (D)
TEX. - IS ALSO A BACKER.

THE CURRENT BEHIND-THE-SCENES ROW HAD ITS BEGINNING LAST FALL WHEN
THE HOOVER COMMISSION RECOMMENDED A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE.
SENATORS STYLES BRIDGES (R) N.H. - AND JOHN MCCLELLAN (D) ARK. - HOWEVER -
FLATLY DISSENTED.

ALTHOUGH IT WAS KEPT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AT THE TIME - THE TWO
SENATORS HEATEDLY ARGUED THAT ANY SUCH COMMITTEE WOULD BE MEANINGLESS
UNLESS IT HAD THE AUTHORITY OF LAW.

THEY PROPOSED THAT THE CIA WATCHDOG GROUP - TO BE EFFECTIVE - SHOULD
BE COMPOSED OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES APPOINTED BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER - WITH ADDITIONAL CITIZENS
TO BE NAMED BY MR. EISENHOWER.

THEY HOWEVER - PREFERRED THE HOOVER COMMISSION PLAN. ON JAN. 13 HE
APPOINTED DR. JAMES R. KILLIAN JR. - PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW GROUP.

..MORE PH21AES RS

TXA3 ADD TWO CIA-EXCLUSIVE (MONTGOMERY) WASHN XXX GROUP.

OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS INCLUDE LT. GEN. JAMES H. DOOLITTLE -
BENJAMIN F. FAIRLESS - ADMIRAL RICHARD L. CONOLLY (CO) - GEN. JOHN E.
HULL - FORMER AMBASSADOR JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY
ROBERT A. LOVETT AND EDWARD L. RYERSON.

ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY - THE SENATE GROUP MOVED TO CREATE A JOINT
HOUSE-SENATE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO KEEP THE SAME CHECK ON CIA THAT A
SIMILAR JOINT COMMITTEE NOW DOES ON THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR 12 MEMBERS CONSISTING OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES - WITH
THE RANKING REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF EACH.

MEANWHILE - OTHER CONGRESSIONAL GROUPS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO STEP INTO
THE HERETOFORE UNTOUCHABLE CIA AGENCY. BOTH SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL
(D) GA. - AND REP. CARL VINSON (D) GA. - CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES - HAVE - WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS - APPOINTED
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO THE ACTIVITY OF OUR TOP INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY.

TODAY - THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE IS HEARING ARGUMENTS ON A BILL BY
REP. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY (D) MINN. - SOMEWHAT BROADER IN FORM THAN THE
MANSFIELD RESOLUTION - FOR A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO KEEP WATCH
NOT ONLY ON CIA - BUT ALSO ON ALL INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMED
SERVICES AND THE VOICE OF AMERICA.

..MORE PH237AES RS

TXA5 ADD THREE CIA-EXCLUSIVE (MONTGOMERY) WASHN XXX AMERICA.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS LONG OPPOSED ANY CONGRESSIONAL INTERFERENCE
WITH THE SECRET WORKINGS OF CIA AND OUR COUNTERESPIONAGE
ACTIVITIES.

IKE'S NEW CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE
PRESIDENT LAST WEEK - BUT HAS NOT YET HELD A FORMAL MEETING.

WITH THE ADMINISTRATION SEEMS DEFINITELY IN THE WIND,
ROYAL WITH THE ADMINISTRATION SEEMS DEFINITELY IN THE WIND.

PH239AES ES

STAT

Approved For Release 2005/06/06 : CIA-RDP71B00364R000600040029-7

Approved For Release 2005/06/06 : CIA-RDP71B00364R000600040029-7